



## Columbia County Economic Team

### Community Profile

**County** Columbia

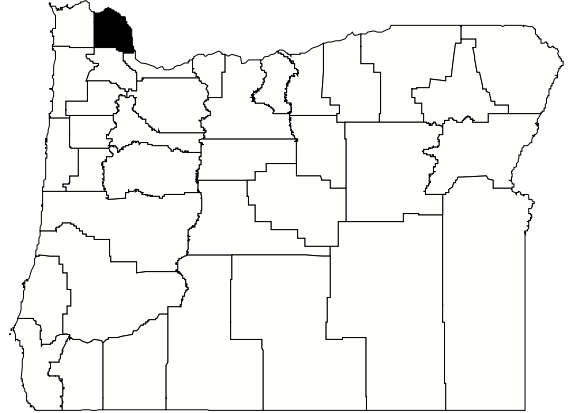
**City** St. Helens

**Population** 12,900

### Description

**Sponsor** Columbia County Economic Team

**Supervisor** Chuck Daughtry



**Assignment** The Columbia County Economic Team (CCET) is Columbia County's one-stop shop for business services. CCET acts as a trusted local partner for businesses looking to relocate or expand within Columbia County. CCET specializes in: site location and acquisition, business and economic data, public incentives and financing, and process facilitation.

The RARE participant placed with Columbia County Economic Team will work with an array of organizations and businesses to restore Columbia County's economy. Specifically, the RARE participant will create a working database of zoning information for businesses to utilize when carrying out preliminary sighting activities. The RARE participant will also work with an array of community partners to create a YouTube channel devoted to the publicity and marketing of the St. Helens community.

### Meet Andrew Barbier



Andrew received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science with a History Emphasis from McKendree University. As a student, he was a member of many selective honor societies such as Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Alpha Theta. After attaining his Bachelors Degree he went on to work with Quiktrack Inspections and Audit as a Quality Analyst where he inspected reports for banks, credit unions, and loan agencies. Andrew applied to the RARE Program in hopes of further developing a skill set that will allow him to find work in his most desired career field – planning and community development. Following his year with the RARE Program, Andrew plans to apply to Portland State University's Urban and Regional Planning Graduate Program.